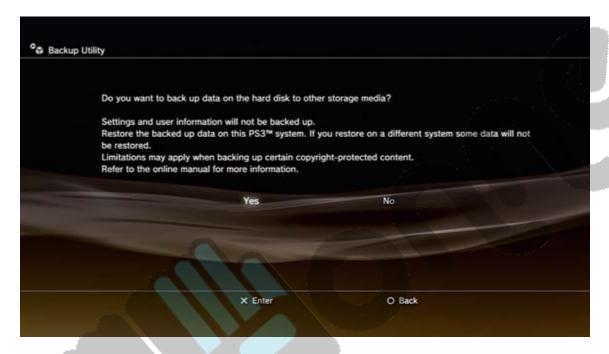
## **PS3 Hard Drive Service Manual**

1. Once you receive your upgrade drive, the next step is to back up the data on your current PS3 hard drive to an external storage unit. You can skip this step if you aren't attached to your music, videos, and game saves, but most of us will probably want to save all that information. The PS3 has a built-in software backup utility that can copy the PS3's hard-drive contents to an external storage device, such as a USB thumb drive or a memory stick. The removable storage device must use the FAT32 file system in order for the PS3 to recognize it. If you have an external hard drive that's formatted in NTFS, you can use the Disk Management utility in Windows to reformat the drive.



After you have your data safely backed up, you can move on to the actual hard-drive swap.

The PS3 owner's manual also includes step-by-step details on how to replace the hard drive, in case you need more instructions.

2. Turn off and unplug the system. Remove the plastic HD side-panel, and remove the blue screw.



3. Open the metal latch, move the drive tray to the right, and slide out the drive.



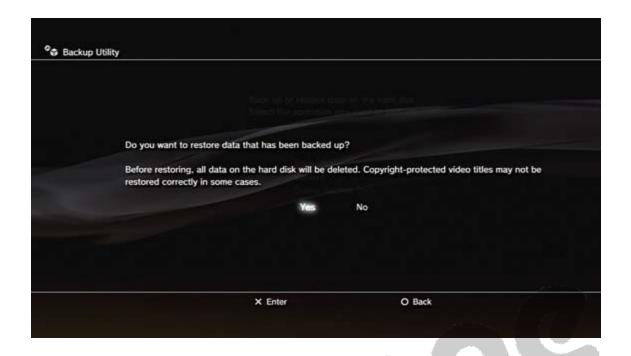
4. Remove the four screws that hold the hard drive to the tray. Use a screwdriver that fits snugly because the screws are extremely tight and easy to strip.



- 5. Swap in the new drive, and replace the screws.
- 6. Put the drive tray back into the system and slide it into place. Then replace the blue screw and snap the side panel back onto the system.



7. Turn on the console and let the system format the new drive. Then load up the PS3 backup utility to restore data from your external storage device back onto the PS3 hard drive



At this point you should have a newly upgraded PS3.